

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ C. _____

Date: _____ March 29, 2007 _____

Topic: Report from the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure on Recommendations on the Proposed Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.) and Proposed Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-22-10 et seq.)

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Origin:

_____ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

X Board review required by
 X State or federal law or regulation
 _____ Board of Education regulation
 _____ Other: _____

_____ Action requested at this meeting _____ Action requested at future meeting: _____ (date)

X Previous review/action
Proposed Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education
date January 12, 2005, September 21, 2005, and June 28, 2006
action January 12, 2005: First Review of Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Amend the Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education (8 VAC 20-541-10 et seq.)
September 21, 2005: First Review of Proposed Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.)
June 28, 2006: Second Review of Proposed Additional Revisions to the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia (8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.)
Proposed Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel
date January 12, 2005, July 27, 2005, and June 28, 2006
action January 12, 2005: First Review of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Amend the Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC 20-21-10 et seq.)
July 27, 2005: First Review the Proposed Revisions to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC20-22-10 et seq.); and
June 28, 2006: Second Review of Additional Revisions to Proposed Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel (8 VAC20-22-10 et seq.)

Background Information:

Section 22.1-305.2 of the *Code of Virginia*, establishing the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, in part, states:

There is hereby established the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of nineteen members to be appointed by the Board of Education. Ten members of the Advisory Board shall be classroom teachers, with at least the following representation: three elementary school teachers, three middle school teachers, and three high school teachers. Three members of the Advisory Board shall be school administrators, one of whom shall be a school principal, one of whom shall be a division superintendent, and one of whom shall be a school personnel administrator. Two members of the Advisory Board shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a school board. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a parent-teacher association. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a representative of the business community and one member shall be a citizen at large. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education or his designee and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Advisory Board...

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure shall advise the Board of Education and submit recommendations on policies applicable to the qualifications, examination, licensure, and regulation of school personnel including revocation, suspension, denial, cancellation, reinstatement, and renewals of licensure, fees for processing applications, standards for the approval of preparation programs, reciprocal approval of preparation programs, and other related matters as the Board of Education may request or the Advisory Board may deem necessary. The final authority for licensure of school personnel shall remain with the Board of Education.

Summary of Major Elements

The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure participated in the development of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel*.

The 60-day public comment period, required by the Administrative Process Act (APA), for both sets of regulations was held October 15, 2006, through December 15, 2006. The Virginia Department of Education held public hearings on November 29, 2006, in Richmond, Virginia; December 5, 2006, in Blacksburg, Virginia; and on December 7, 2006, in Fairfax, Virginia. Summaries of comments were sent to the members of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for their review and recommendations.

The Advisory Board reviewed the summary of public comment for the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel* at its January 22, 2007, and March 19, 2007, meetings.

The Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Public Instruction's recommendations for the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel* with one exception in the licensure regulations. The Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Education continue to allow three years under a provisional license for individuals to complete the professional teacher's assessments prescribed by the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the report from the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

Impact on Resources: N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action: The proposed *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* and the *Regulations Governing the Licensure of School Personnel* are subject to Board of Education approval and the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.